

the promises our country made to veterans when they first signed up.

#### JOBS FOR OUR VETERANS

(Ms. HOCHUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the impending Veterans Day next week, I think it's important that we pause for a moment as a country and reflect on the contributions that these veterans have done, veterans who served us since the early part of last century, all the way up to those who are waiting to come home with open arms, just a month away, this Christmas.

But importantly, we have to give them jobs when they come home. And Mr. Speaker that's why I support the sections of the President's jobs bill that will create small business incentives to hire our veterans, and an even greater incentive to hire our wounded veterans. This is so important because the last thing I want to see in this country is to give thanks to these people on one day and then to find them under a bridge because they're homeless and couldn't get a job.

These people deserve better than that, Mr. Speaker, and I call on my Members of Congress, in a bipartisan way, to support incentives to give our veterans what they need when they come home—a warm welcome and the dignity of a job.

#### VETERANS DAY

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. I, too, rise to honor, celebrate, and remember our courageous men and women in uniform who've served in the United States Armed Forces.

Next Friday, our Nation as a whole will observe Veterans Day, a day which should serve as a reminder to every American that our Armed Forces, both past and present, are made up of individuals of great courage, character, and honor.

As a 29-year Air Force veteran and a former prisoner of war for nearly 7 years, I know firsthand that freedom is not free. We owe a debt of gratitude to all who have worn the uniform and their families.

I urge all Americans to use this Veterans Day as an opportunity to personally thank a veteran. It's because of their sacrifices that we remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I think an inscription on the wall at the POW camp when we left says it all: Freedom has a taste to those who fight and almost die that the protected will never know.

I salute our veterans. God bless America.

#### BIPARTISANSHIP IS NOT DEAD

(Mr. WALZ of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, bipartisanship is not dead. There are policies grounded in common sense that lawmakers on both sides of the aisle can agree upon.

I'm proud to be part of a group of lawmakers, Democrat and Republican, who are fighting to complete the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System in Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota. This infrastructure project alone will bring drinking water to an area of the United States the size of Connecticut. It will sustain hundreds of jobs and create an estimated 10,000 jobs in the long run.

The funds for this project were promised during the Clinton Presidency, the Bush Presidency, and the Obama Presidency. Locals not only paid their share, they paid in advance. And yet today, the earth movers, the forklifts, and the dump trucks sit idle, and no water runs to thirsty communities.

A bipartisan coalition in this Congress is ready to act to push this project forward. With only 14 legislative days left in our congressional calendar, the time is now to work together, create jobs in a commonsense approach, bring Lewis and Clark to a reality.

#### HONORING PAUL EASON

(Mr. NUNNELEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor one of the members of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Paul Eason. Mr. Paul came home after World War II and became a success in his community by any measure of the word: a manufacturing leader, three terms on our city council, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Citizen of the Year.

But his most significant contribution was giving his time and energy as scoutmaster for three generations of boys in Tupelo, Mississippi. He was the scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 12 for over 59 years.

When he began, his scouts thought it would be interesting to see if they could go for a year without missing a monthly campout. And Troop 12 recently completed its 729th consecutive monthly campout, not missing a month since Harry Truman was president.

They thought they were learning how to tie knots and pitch tents; Mr. Paul was teaching them the meaning of the scout oath: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country."

America needs more young men that understand the meaning of duty, excellence, and honor.

As a father of two of Troop 12's eagle scouts, Mr. Paul, I want to say thank

you for the contribution you've made to your community, your State, and to your Nation. And on this, your 90th birthday, may God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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#### INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the Earth's 7 billionth person was born. Our population has doubled in the last 50 years, and it could double again by the end of the century if we let it.

This rapid growth is straining water and food supplies, reducing access to health care and education, and even creating instability and violence.

Most importantly, this growth is denying women in nations like Yemen and Afghanistan, who still average more than five children, their basic human right to decide if, when, and how many children to have; 215 million women around the world say they want access to contraception but can't get it. We can fulfill that need and save lives, improve lives, and save tax dollars while we do it.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, meeting this unmet need for family planning could save the lives of 251,000 women and 1.7 million newborns, improve rates of education and health, and save a net total of \$1.5 billion.

America can lead the world in family planning as it once did, but we have to increase our investment in international family planning.

#### HONORING OUR VETERANS

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my strong support and gratitude to America's heroes, our veterans. While our servicemembers and veterans deserve our gratitude and thanks every day, Veterans Day, which we will celebrate next Friday, serves as an important reminder of the sacrifices that our brave men in uniform make every day to defend our freedoms.

As a veteran myself, I am also aware of the extraordinary sacrifices that families at home endure while their loved ones are deployed. I would like to extend my thanks to those families for their patience and support which play an integral role in the success of our troops serving abroad.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, I am committed to ensuring that our Nation's veterans, their families, and survivors receive the care, benefits, and services they've earned.